

4.5

**ISOSCELES AND
EQUILATERAL
TRIANGLES**

6. Which of the following figures has the greatest number of lines of symmetry?

- (A) equilateral triangle (B) non-square rhombus
(C) non-square rectangle (D) isosceles trapezoid (E) square

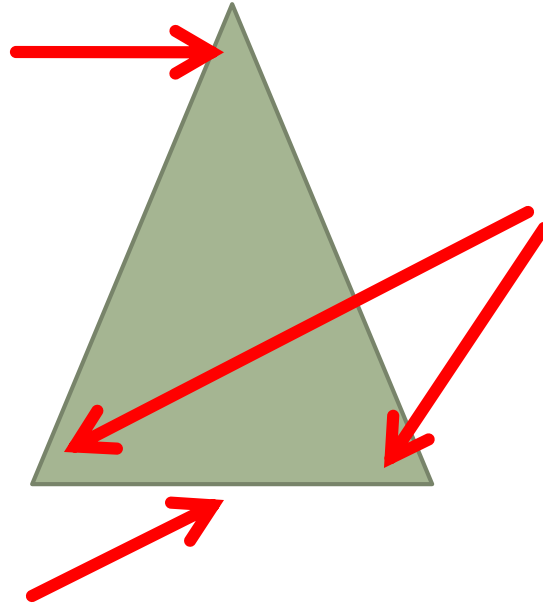
7. Using only pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, what is the smallest number of coins Freddie would need so he could pay any amount of money less than a dollar?

- (A) 6 (B) 10 (C) 15 (D) 25 (E) 99



Review: Definition of an Isosceles Triangle

A triangle with two congruent sides.



Parts of an Isosceles Triangle

Exploring...

Base Angles Conjecture

(Go to sketch 4.5 – Isosceles Triangles)

What would you conjecture is the relationship of the base angles of an isosceles triangle?

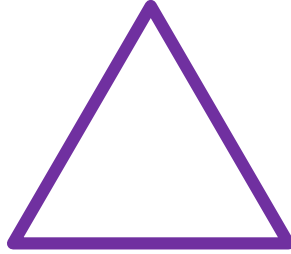
Complete the following:

**If a triangle is isosceles, then the _____
_____.**

State the converse of this:

Do you think the converse is true? _____

Equilateral Triangles Conjecture



What would you conjecture is the relationship of the all the angles of an equilateral triangle?

Complete the following:

If a triangle is equilateral, then it is _____.

State the converse of this:

Do you think the converse is true? _____



Base Angles Theorem

If a triangle is _____, then the _____
_____ are _____.



Converse of the Base Angles Theorem

If the _____ are congruent, then
the triangle is _____.



Equilateral Triangles Theorem

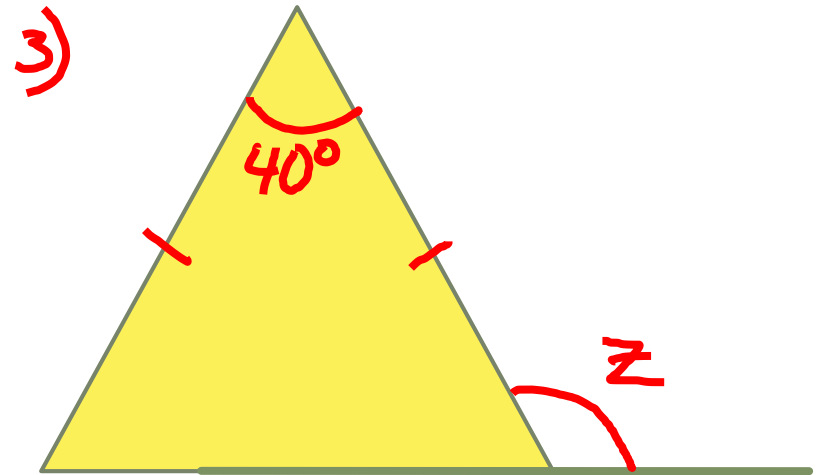
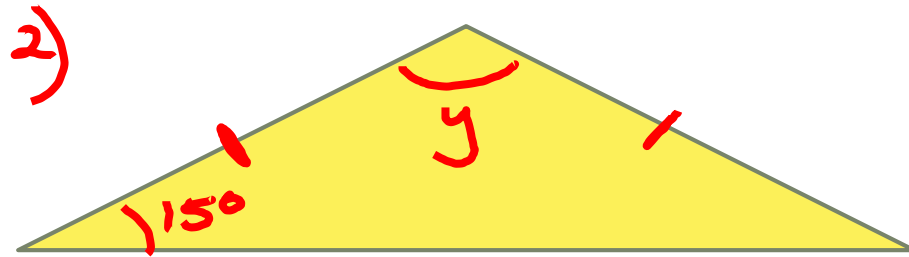
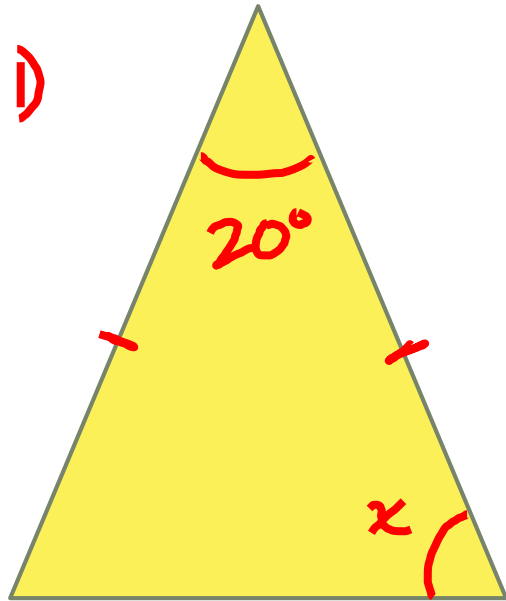
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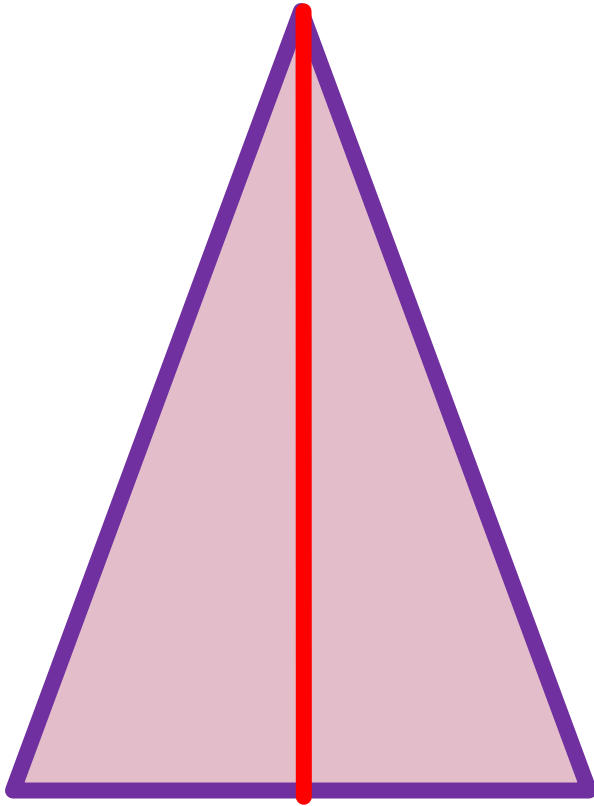


PRACTICE



Conjectures with the vertex angle bisector

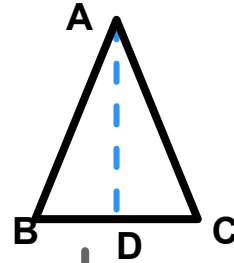
If a segment bisects the vertex angle, what relationship do you think it has with the base?



Proof of Vertex Angle Bisector Theorem (Part 1)

Given: $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AC}$
 \overline{AD} bisects $\angle A$

Prove: $\overline{BD} \cong \overline{CD}$ & $\overline{BC} \perp \overline{AD}$



Statements

Reasons

$$\overline{AB} \cong \overline{AC}$$

\overline{AD} bisects $\angle A$

$$\angle BAD \cong \angle CAD$$

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$$\overline{BD} \cong \overline{CD}$$

$$\angle BDA \cong \angle CDA$$

$$m\angle BDA \cong m\angle CDA$$

$$m\angle BDA + m\angle CDA = 180$$

$$m\angle BDA + m\angle BDA = 180$$

$$2m\angle BDA = 180$$

$$m\angle BDA = 90$$

$$\overline{BC} \perp \overline{AD}$$

Vertex Angle Bisector Theorem



If a segment _____ the vertex angle of an isosceles triangle, then the segment is also the _____ (the altitude and the median) of the base.